

Understanding the Times

INTRODUCTION: Study Guide

Text: Intro Parts 1 & 2 (pages 1-17)

1. Upon what 2 things should a Christian worldview be based?
2. What parts of mankind are capable of discerning good from bad?
3. Define *metanarrative*.
4. Which battlefield has remained unchanged over the centuries?
5. In what two ways does our worldview relate to the world?
6. What objects does the text use to describe a worldview? Explain.
7. Why is there no “line of demarcation” in a worldview?

“Introduction to Worldviews”

1. What questions must be answered by every worldview?
2. Draw, label, and explain (in your own words) a worldview triangle.
3. What is the key worldview principle?
4. How can you develop your own worldview?
5. What requirement necessarily accompanies our beliefs?

Text: Part 3 (pages 31-41)

1. How are Christians often viewed when challenging “worldly” disciplines?
2. What two movements illustrate the consequences of “forgetting God?”
3. Define the answers to number 2.
4. What statement concerning salvation is found in the *Humanist Manifesto II*?
5. Why does David Noebel (author of the textbook) consider Christianity the best explanation of reality?
6. According to Will Durant, what is the greatest question of our time?

“Loving God with Your Mind”

1. Describe the church’s slide into an illiterate faith.
2. What false separations have contributed to anti-intellectualism in the church?
3. Why do many people view the gospel as irrelevant?
4. Describe the “empty self.” How can it be overcome?
5. How is God pictured in the Bible?

“Ambassadors for Christ”

1. List 3 characteristics of a good ambassador.
2. What is the minimum unit of Bible reading? Why?
3. What two extremes should ambassadors avoid?
4. In the discussion of ideas, with what two questions should we become comfortable?
5. How should we deal with Christianity’s offensive nature?